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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1997

Mr. HORN (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUINN, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. STRICKLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Campaigns in the Sun-
3 shine Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
5 **UNDER FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT**
6 **OF 1971 TO CERTAIN EXPENDITURES.**

7 (a) SOFT MONEY EXPENDITURES OF POLITICAL
8 PARTIES.—Section 304(b) of the Federal Election Cam-
9 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(b)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
11 (7);

12 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
13 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(9) in the case of a reporting committee which
17 is a political party committee, any information which
18 would otherwise be required to be reported under
19 this subsection if the term ‘expenditure’ included
20 any amount expended by the committee for the pur-
21 pose of influencing an election for Federal office.”.

22 (b) INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES.—

23 (1) ADDITIONAL REPORT FOR PERSONS FIRST
24 MAKING EXPENDITURES AFTER DEADLINE FOR PRE-
25 ELECTION REPORT.—Section 304(c) of such Act (2
26 U.S.C. 434(c)) is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “State-
2 ments” and inserting “Except as provided in
3 paragraph (4), statements”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(4) In addition to any statements required to be
7 filed in accordance with subsection (a)(2), any person who
8 first makes independent expenditures with respect to an
9 election in an aggregate amount or value in excess of
10 \$1,000 after the deadline for filing a pre-election report
11 under subparagraph (A)(i) of such subsection shall file a
12 statement containing the information described in para-
13 graph (2) at the time the person makes independent ex-
14 penditures in such aggregate amount or value.”.

15 (2) EXPANDING SCOPE OF EXPENDITURES SUB-
16 JECT TO REPORTING.—Section 304(c) of such Act
17 (2 U.S.C. 434(c)), as amended by paragraph (1), is
18 further amended by adding at the end the following
19 new paragraph:

20 “(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘inde-
21 pendent expenditure’ means—

22 “(A) an independent expenditure described in
23 section 301(17); or

24 “(B) any other payment (without regard to
25 whether the payment is otherwise treated as an ex-

1 penditure under this title) which is used to produce
2 or distribute any broadcast material, newspaper,
3 magazine, billboard, direct mail, phone bank operation,
4 or similar type of public communication or political
5 advertising which refers to a clearly identified
6 candidate or political party, which is made without
7 cooperation or consultation with any candidate or
8 any authorized committee or agent of such candidate,
9 and which is not made in concert with, or at
10 the request or suggestion of, any candidate, or any
11 authorized committee or agent of such candidate
12 (other than any payment which would be described
13 in clause (i), (iii), or (v) of section 301(9)(B) if the
14 payment were an expenditure under such section).”.

15 (3) CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT TO REPORT PERSONS MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CERTAIN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES.—The second
16 sentence of paragraph (2) of section 304(c) of such
17 Act (2 U.S.C. 434(c)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: “, together with the information described in subparagraph (C) of the previous sentence.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
3 respect to expenditures made on or after the date of the
4 enactment of this Act.

